GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PENALTY ON DELAY/CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to penalise airlines for flight delay/cancellation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c):- Government is continuously monitoring the punctuality of airline operations. While there are several factors like bad weather, technical snags, air traffic congestion etc. which may be beyond the control of airlines, some o f the delays could be attributable to the airline industry. Government is already working with airlines industry through fora like Airline Facilitation Committee, the Federation of Indian Airlines etc. on the need to maintain the approved schedules.